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COVERAGE

This report presents United States Customs district by continent statistics on United States airborne export and import shipments made in foreign trade.

Exports

These statistics represent exports of domestic and foreign merchandise combined and include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from the United States to foreign countries. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program-Grant-Aid shipments, Mutual Security Program economic assistance shipments, and shipments of agricultural commodities under P. L. 480 (The Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are not included in the export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report, but exports from Puerto Rico to foreign countries are included as a part of the United States export statistics. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is excluded. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) The figures in this report exclude exports of household and personal effects, shipments by mail and parcel post and shipments of airplanes under their own power.

Effective with the statistics for January 1963, the information shown for exports to Canada represents fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $2,000 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$1,999 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments. The information shown for exports to countries other than Canada represents fully compiled data for shipments individually valued $500 and over combined with estimated data for shipments valued $100-$499 based on a 50 percent sample of such shipments. In addition to these data, estimated data for shipments valued under $100 based on a 10 percent sample of such shipments are also included in the figures shown in the "Total" columns in Table 1. These estimates for shipments valued under $100 are not included in the other figures in the table.

Since the export figures shown include estimates based on a sample of low valued shipments, they are subject to some degree of sampling variability. A rough guide to the general level of sampling variability (on a two chances out of three basis) of value totals shown is given below. Usually the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. Detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available upon request.

Value totals for "Total" and North America of:	Proportion of cells with sampling variability of:				
	under 2%	under 5%	under 10%	under 20%	20% and over
$1,000,000 and over	.60	.85	1.00	...	...
$500,000-$1,000,000	.45	.65	.70	1.00	...
$100,000-$500,000	...	.15	.40	.45	.55
$20,000-$100,000	...	...	...	.25	.75
Cells of under $20,000	Are likely to have sampling variability from $10,000 to $20,000				

Value totals for continents of South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Oceania, and Africa of:	Are likely to have sampling variability of:
$300,000 and over	Less than 2%
$100,000-$300,000	Less than 5% with over half of the totals less than 2%
$20,000-$100,000	Generally less than 10% with over half of the totals less than 5%
Under $20,000	Generally $1,000 to $2,000
Cells of $0	Generally less than $500

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The sampling variability, in percentage terms, of shipping weight figures can be approximated by the percent sampling variability of value.

Imports

These statistics represent general imports which are a combination of imports for immediate consumption and entries into bonded warehouses, The statistics include government as well as nongovernment shipments of merchandise by air from foreign countries to the United States. However, American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use are excluded. United States trade with Puerto Rico and with United States possessions and trade between United States possessions are not included in this report but imports into Puerto Rico from foreign countries are considered to be United States imports and are included. Merchandise shipped through the United States in transit from one foreign country to another, when documented as such through United States Customs, is not reported as imports and is excluded from the data shown in this report. (Foreign merchandise which has entered the United States as an import and is subsequently re-exported is not treated as in-transit merchandise, and is included in this report.) Imports of household and personal effects, imports by mail and parcel post, and imports of airplanes under their own power are not included.

The airborne general import statistics reflect fully compiled data for formal entry shipments valued at $100 and over combined with estimated data for shipments reported on informal entries valued at $250 or less based upon a 10 percent sample of such shipments. These combined data are shown in the "Total" column for the value data in Table 2 of this report. The continent and district by-continent value totals shown in the table include data for formal entries valued at $100 and over but exclude the estimated dollar value for shipments reported on informal entries valued $250 or less. The shipping weight information excludes shipping weight data for informal entries since this information is not required to be shown on such entries. Some rough indication as to the volume of shipping weight represented by informal entries may be obtained by reference to the air export statistics where low valued shipments (under $100) are approximately 2 to 3 percent of the air export value and from 10 to 12 percent of the air export shipping weight. Import shipments by air reported on formal entries valued at less than $100 are entirely excluded from the air import statistics. These under $100 formal import shipments amount to less than 1 percent of the total air import value and shipping weight.

As noted above, the value figures for total air imports by Customs district include estimates of informal entries ($250 or less) based on a 10 percent sample of such entries. They are, therefore, subject to sampling variability. In general, the higher value figures will have the lower percent sampling errors. The following table gives a rough guide to the sampling variability of Customs district totals. More detailed information on the sampling variability of individual figures is available on request.

Value totals of:	Are likely to have sampling variability limits of:
$500,000 and over	Less than 1%
$100,000 - $500,000	1% to 5%
$20,000 - $100,000	5% to 15%
Under $20,000	$1,000 to $2,000

The Customs district value and shipping weight totals shown include a small amount of shipments which could not be distributed by continent.

Table 1.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF LADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of lading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[1]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	[2]248,311	.....	72,131	40,993	64,530	10,589	1,640	3,239	[2]1,637,431	.....	220,168	125,989	586,766	93,099	15,710	15,534
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	[2]94,560	31,640	7,182	23,083	6,162	387	1,212	.....	[2]579,464	89,211	31,750	185,248	48,916	3,397	4,918
Massachusetts.....	2,517	1,445	634	1	1,467	31	7	15	16,245	9,879	2,518	6	12,862	309	78	78
Rochester.....	158	140	116	24	1	(*)	-	-	570	542	490	52	5	(*)	-	-
Buffalo.....	500	491	415	(*)	2	(*)	1	(*)	1,729	1,720	1,590	5	27	3	2	1
New York.....	90,668	32,439	12,300	5,258	54,128	4,730	487	2,726	686,204	216,921	75,538	35,616	503,213	38,279	5,323	12,446
Philadelphia.....	712	401	34	4	409	159	3	35	2,756	1,058	71	109	2,165	240	22	98
Maryland.....	341	277	21	20	163	78	(*)	9	942	463	65	145	572	87	2	40
Virginia.....	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	7	-	-	-	-	-
Florida.....	77,610	24,129	35,579	34,760	72	25	2	11	151,500	46,880	60,825	84,317	525	189	6	44
New Orleans.....	4,352	830	3,502	282	4	7	49	(*)	10,238	2,617	8,024	1,453	13	40	67	1
Galveston.....	4,553	2,989	2,097	201	1,334	189	3	208	14,875	7,695	6,475	827	4,657	931	13	1,377
Laredo.....	2,559	1,719	2,191	41	1	(*)	-	(*)	6,711	5,308	6,138	336	6	16	-	(*)
Los Angeles.....	4,299	1,841	782	177	1,460	1,014	229	32	46,659	15,530	4,379	1,494	25,076	12,166	2,277	320
San Francisco.....	6,070	3,343	101	82	935	3,290	784	44	54,653	28,704	501	1,009	11,236	32,759	7,422	328
Washington.....	1,930	1,433	1,331	1	52	152	-	21	6,971	5,039	5,308	4	209	831	-	52
Alaska.....	161	143	26	1	12	98	-	(*)	576	525	24	3	36	474	-	1
Hawaii.....	461	366	16	-	14	198	46	1	1,601	908	351	-	81	815	266	6
Montana and Idaho.....	301	296	245	-	1	-	-	1	1,902	1,887	1,798	-	4	-	-	18
Dakota.....	1,133	1,122	919	-	9	2	-	2	3,130	3,076	2,624	-	106	34	-	5
Minnesota.....	149	74	37	4	10	96	-	-	2,291	312	114	4	11	2,153	-	-
Michigan.....	1,285	980	308	(*)	843	42	3	10	3,570	2,378	339	4	2,965	90	14	85
Chicago.....	11,328	3,045	5,845	44	3,194	368	16	119	57,019	16,288	31,840	84	18,400	3,386	78	585
Ohio.....	2,323	47	1,600	3	6	3	(*)	-	8,130	70	7,071	10	82	51	1	-
Puerto Rico.....	4,231	1,710	3,717	58	9	(*)	(*)	1	3,740	2,000	3,121	238	110	2	1	7
All other Customs Districts.....	956	668	315	32	404	106	10	5	6,150	5,076	956	273	4,405	245	136	43
Special Category[3].....	29,712	14,632	-	-	-	-	-	-	549,262	204,588	-	-	-	-	-	-

* Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Includes estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[2] Includes shipments of "special category" commodities and estimated shipments valued under $100 which are excluded from the continent totals.

[3] Represents shipments of "special category" commodities. For a list of the "special category" commodities see the January 1961 edition of Report FT 410.

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Table 2.—SHIPPING WEIGHT AND VALUE OF UNITED STATES AIRBORNE GENERAL IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE BY SELECTED CUSTOMS DISTRICT OF UNLADING BY CONTINENT:

[Only those districts are shown with imports or exports by air valued at $50,000 or more for any month during the period January-April 1962]

Customs district of unlading	Shipping weight in thousands of pounds[1]								Value in thousands of dollars							
	Total[2]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa	Total[2,3]		North America	South America	Europe	Asia	Australia and Oceania	Africa
	All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers							All carriers	U.S. Flag carriers						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
Total, all carriers..	113,114	.....	34,206	11,713	58,215	8,340	262	378	815,377	.....	92,744	26,579	586,345	75,231	2,646	9,252
U.S. Flag carriers...	.....	46,312	13,303	2,189	25,191	5,302	109	219	.....	336,429	29,843	10,736	240,180	52,307	634	2,728
Massachusetts.....	1,218	682	250	(*)	953	14	(*)	(*)	7,692	5,377	1,452	1	5,658	86	(*)	2
Rochester.....	64	64	7	-	57	(*)	-	-	296	225	106	-	124	1	-	-
Buffalo.....	154	106	152	-	2	(*)	-	(*)	2,226	1,661	1,919	-	14	(*)	-	179
New York.....	58,169	24,937	2,220	1,061	51,645	2,815	120	306	619,894	237,610	35,755	14,474	525,719	22,659	1,057	8,758
Philadelphia.....	304	245	52	7	69	176	(*)	(*)	6,398	5,931	63	17	5,095	861	1	3
Maryland.....	237	69	2	1	229	3	(*)	1	3,274	420	119	2	2,833	8	2	13
Virginia.....	2	2	(*)	-	2	-	-	-	82	17	3	-	17	-	-	-
Florida.....	28,611	8,475	18,081	9,861	431	238	(*)	(*)	28,330	13,732	15,767	10,460	1,146	219	1	(*)
New Orleans.....	1,345	820	1,309	26	2	8	(*)	-	935	605	613	84	15	46	(*)	-
Galveston.....	1,329	304	1,280	10	33	3	-	3	3,850	709	2,434	201	787	32	-	60
Laredo.....	1,572	1,462	1,569	1	1	-	-	-	1,050	759	830	4	17	-	-	-
Los Angeles.....	3,290	1,475	330	30	1,328	1,574	26	3	37,201	12,484	7,688	494	15,779	10,618	301	91
San Francisco.....	2,797	2,173	93	3	559	1,990	100	52	23,336	16,464	338	139	5,583	14,607	1,208	106
Washington.....	1,056	836	176	12	29	839	(*)	(*)	17,804	14,090	2,353	362	257	14,175	8	4
Alaska.....	119	84	26	-	12	81	(*)	-	8,543	8,301	85	-	143	8,268	2	-
Hawaii.....	307	128	16	-	87	194	10	-	2,622	904	31	-	574	1,307	61	-
Montana and Idaho.....	13	13	13	-	1	-	-	-	234	221	219	-	4	-	-	-
Dakota.....	15	15	15	-	(*)	-	-	-	158	154	155	-	1	-	-	-
Minnesota.....	8	7	3	-	(*)	5	-	-	222	47	129	-	2	21	-	-
Michigan.....	463	264	20	-	437	5	-	1	2,632	1,480	174	-	2,139	12	-	8
Chicago.....	3,010	1,529	687	3	2,080	230	-	10	39,405	12,611	18,233	21	18,255	1,542	-	29
Ohio.....	251	6	150	-	102	(*)	-	-	3,000	51	1,152	-	1,491	5	-	-
Puerto Rico.....	8,411	2,405	7,624	697	59	25	5	(*)	3,730	1,489	2,698	315	340	31	(*)	(*)
All other Customs Districts.....	369	213	132	1	96	139	1	-	2,465	1,087	426	4	354	735	3	-

* Less than 500 pounds or $500.

[1] Excludes shipping weight data, which are not available, for informal entries.

[2] Includes a small amount of shipments which are unidentified by continent.

[3] Includes estimated value of informal entries which are excluded from the continent totals and the totals for U.S. Flag carriers.

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